**Gr. 3 Resource A**

**Optional Writing Topic Examples:**

Narrative:

* In *Because of Winn Dixie*, the author, Kate Dicamillo writes about a little girl that wants to make friends.  Think of the ways that she goes about making friends.  Create your own story about a character that would like something (i.e. maybe friendship) and go into detail about how they go about that.
* If you could eliminate one character from the story, whom would you choose and why? What effect would that have?

Informational:

* In *Because of Winn Dixie*, Opal has just moved to Naomi, Florida and has described her town and where places are located.  She has described her new home in a way that gives you a picture in your mind of what things look like.  Think about the town where you live.  If you were to move to another country, how would you describe your home and town to people who had never visited the United States?
* If you were to write a follow up to this book, what part of this book would you like to research in more depth? Why?

Persuasive:

* In *Because of Winn Dixie*, Opal learns about Littmus Lozenges from Ms. Franny Block.  Littmus Block created the Littmus Lozenge and built a candy business.  Think about his reasons for creating this business and the success, and finally the failure of the candy factory.  In economics, you will learn about when people want to buy a product it is called demand for the product.  Create a product and think of facts and details that would persuade someone to buy your product.
* Write a letter to the author of the text, tell the author to change one thing about the plot if and convince the author that it needs to be changed?

Research:

* In *Because of Winn Dixie*, Ms. Franny Block mentions the Civil War time period several times.  You will be learning about two historical characters, Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony,  that lived during that time.  Using books and the internet, research about these characters and create a project that explains about them and how they were connected.  Think about what these historical characters fought for.  How would the lives of those in *Because of Winn Dixie* be different if they had not lived?
* Are there places in this book you would like to visit? Research one of those places and present the information that you learn about the location to the class. Remember to include information about the history and events, important monuments and special buildings, the best places to see, and any information about the culture that is important to the place.